

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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2nd Sunday of the Year - 16th January 2022

MASSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am
Weekdays - Monday - Saturday 10am.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday - 12 - 1pm & 5.15pm - 5.45pm

ADORATION: Thursday - 10.30am - 7.30pm

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday - 12 noon & 1st Saturday of every month. To book contact the Parish Office on 9131135 on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays between 10am - 12.30pm. (Please give two weeks notice)

Recent Deaths: We offer sincere sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Derick (Day) Reid, Ballinamona, Ballybofey, Martin Sweeney, formerly of Golland Lower and England and Seamus Lafferty, Railway Rd., Stranorlar who were buried during the week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

1st Anniversary: The 10am Mass on Monday 17th January will be offered for the repose of the soul of Eddie Markey, Blackrock Drive.

Month's Mind: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 22nd January will be offered for the repose of the soul of Melissa Darby, Silverwood.

Parish Envelopes 2022: A sincere 'Thank You' to all of you who contributed financially to our parish during 2021. Your loyalty and generosity is very much appreciated. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the Covid 19 pandemic this is a good time to consider setting up a standing order. Some people are already doing this and find it very convenient. In today's world it would be very beneficial if more people would set up a standing order. If you would like to do this please use **your name only and not your envelope number** as envelope numbers can change and it is quite possible that you will not get the same envelope number every year. All you need to do is take the following details to your bank and they will set up the standing order for you -
St Mary's Parochial Account No 1

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2nd Sunday of the Year: Each Sunday liturgy is like a wedding feast in which Jesus is the bridegroom showing his love for us, - his bride - by providing food and drink for our innermost needs.

CANA: NEW WINE FOR LIFE: The human side of the gospel today is the huge need of a young couple on the best day of their life. Jesus hears of their need and the result is not just the wine for the wedding - but more - it is the promise of the fullness of God.

FULLNESS OF LIFE: We look for the fullness of life in money, food, sex, travel, security, reputation - none lasts. Only the simplest joys of life really satisfy in the end, like the joy of love, the thrill of friendship, the care of our family and the ways we enjoy the goodness of creation.

A man asked once in the hospice at the end of his life - what is happiness? 'Find happiness now' was the answer - 'be satisfied, be grateful, for what you have, for what you have received, for what God has given you.' There is a fullness of life in being happy with who I am, what I have...and asking God for what he knows I need.

AT ANY AGE: No matter what our age, we can do good for others, we can share the graces of life and the soul can grow. That's what I hope can happen for me as life goes on. In any group of people, some look happy, and some look miserable. The happiest are not always the ones who had or are having the easiest life. They are the ones who have found peace with themselves, others, and God.

Because of the gift of the fullness of God in 'new wine', we always have a home, here and after - in the heart of our God in Jesus Christ now and for eternity.

Jesus of the wedding feast of Cana, give us the faith and hope to know that you can always make a change for the better in our lives, and the love to live by what we receive.